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CROPS IN GENERAL.

SASKATCHEWAN (CANADA).

CONDITION OF WHEAT AND OATS ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1919.

Wheat:- In the southeastern district the yield runs from 8 to 18 bushels per acre, in the east-central, from 5 to 35, in the central district from 3 to 15. In the northern part of the Province the yield is expected to be lower than anticipated owing to rust.

Oats:- In the southeastern district the yields run from 20 to 45 bushels per acre, in the east-central district from 40 to 60.

(Department of Agriculture of Saskatchewan).

ONTARIO (CANADA).

CROP CONDITION SEPTEMBER 2, 1919.

Fall plowing being pushed vigorously. An increased area of fall wheat will likely be sown this year. Threshing of spring grains proceeding actively, but results are in many cases disappointing.

Potatoes so far dug have given light yields but the rains of the last three weeks have done good to the late varieties. Corn will approach on the whole, a fair general yield. (Ontario Department of Agriculture.)

IRELAND.

CROP PROSPECTS ON AUGUST 4, 1919.

From the Department of Agriculture for Ireland.

Winter wheat promises a good crop in quantity and quality.

Spring wheat should be up to average.

Oats are less promising though an average crop may be obtained.

Barley and Rye promise an average crop.

Potatoes:- Early varieties were generally small and gave a light yield though the quality was good. Late varieties promise a fair to good crop.

Flax has done only fairly well and may perhaps be somewhat below average.

(The London Grain, Seed and Oil Reporter).

PIEDRAS NEGRAS (MEXICO).

1919 CROP OUTLOOK.

It is predicted that the wheat production will reach over a half million bushels and that of corn at least 250,000 bushels. Both of these crops are unusually large for the district. In general, the Piedras Negras Consular district is assured a wonderful harvest of all products for this year.

(Vice Consul William P. Blocker, July 7, 1919.)

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CROPS IN GENERAL, - CONT'D.

SCOTLAND.

CONDITION OF CEREALS AND POTATOES ON AUGUST 1, 1919.

Provisional estimates by the Board of Agriculture of Scotland.

Wheat:- General deficiency in yield is about 7 per cent below average. The decrease in area is 1,000 acres or 1.3 per cent as compared with 1918.

Barley:- The deficiency in yield is about the same as that of wheat.

Oats:- The general deficiency is fully 10 per cent. The area decreased 137,000 acres or 11 per cent as compared with last year.

Potatoes:- Only a few districts promise an average production. Generally, the deficiency ranges from 5 to 20 per cent. The area decreased by 14,000 acres, or 8.3 per cent compared with 1918.

(London Grain Seed and Oil Reporter).

SWITZERLAND.

CONDITION OF CROPS ON AUGUST 1, 1919.

Crop.	Aug. 1, 1919.	July 1, 1919.	Aug. 1, 1918.
Winter wheat	96	96	102
Spring wheat	84	83	93
Spelt	98	97	104
Winter rye	98	99	104
Spring rye	87	83	100
Maslin	96	96	103
Winter barley	93	98	103
Spring barley	92	84	98
Corn	90	90	102
Oats	88	79	96
Potatoes	95	93	93
Tobacco	97	90	99

100 = last 10-year average.

Natural meadows	3.28	2.91	3.35
Artificial "	3.54	3.10	3.56
Alpian pastures	3.12	3.04	3.26

2 = bad, 3 = average, 4 = good.

(Schweizer. Landwirt, Marktzeitung.)

UGANDA PROTECTORATE.

AREA UNDER PRINCIPAL CROPS IN UGANDA.

(An approximate estimate by the Uganda Department of Agriculture.)

Crop.	1918.	1917.
	Acres.	Acres.
Sweet potatoes	278,037	279,037
Millet	271,246	185,538
Cotton	134,019	129,901
Beans	128,884	105,322
Plantains	574,252	472,931
Maize	20,089	11,207
Dhal	100,236	99,551
Peanuts	17,743	25,983
Cassava	5,677	6,040
Tobacco	2,691	2,577
Coffee	23,506	20,730
Cocoa	4,402	4,102
Rubber	3,372	4,609

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WHEAT.

CHOSEN.

WHEAT ESTIMATE FOR 1919.

On the basis of a survey made June 1, the authorities of the Government General estimate the production of wheat in 1919 at 7,584,440 bushels which is an increase of 518,758 bushels over the 1918 crop.

(American Consulate General, Seoul, June 26, 1919).

ROUMANIA.

WHEAT CROP IN 1919.

In a telegram to the "Temps" it is stated that according to official statistics the area under wheat in the pre-war territory of the country this year was 2,965,000 acres. In general, the harvest was good and the yield may be estimated at 18 bushels per acre, which gives a total production of over 53,000,000 bushels. Deducting from these figures about 14,000,000 bushels for seeding requirements next fall and 22,000,000 bushels for food requirements, it is very probable that about 18,000,000 bushels will be available for export, not including the available surplus in Bessarabia where the harvest was very good. (Le Bulletin des Halles, Bourses, et Marches, August 20, 1919).

AUSTRALIA.

STOCKS OF WHEAT IN JUNE, 1919.

The wheat stocks in June were 153,381,800 bushels.

(Consul General J. E. Brittain, July 7, 1919).

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BARLEY.

CHOSEN.

BARLEY ESTIMATE FOR 1919.

Authorities of the Government General estimate, on the basis of a survey made June 1, the production of barley in 1919 at 27,697,966 bushels. This is an increase of 1,375,196 bushels over the 1918 crop.

(American Consulate General, Seoul, June 26, 1919).

COTTON.

MEXICALI DISTRICT, LOWER CALIFORNIA (MEXICO).

PROSPECTS FOR 1919 COTTON CROP.

The area under cotton this year amounts to approximately 100,000 acres being the same as last year. The estimated crop is 60,000 standard bales of 500 pounds each, against 53,000 bales for last year. The arrival of 2,000 Chinese laborers from China, it is thought, will solve the labor question for picking the crop. (Consul Walter P. Boyle, August 11, 1919).

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SUGAR.

GUATEMALA.

SUGAR PRODUCTION FOR 1917-18.

The sugar production for 1917-18 reached a total of 30,000,000 pounds.

(Consul Lawton, June 10, 1919).

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COFFEE

GUATEMALA.

COFFEE CROP IN 1918-1919.

The 1918-19 crop is estimated at about 110,000,000 pounds of cleaned coffee. (Consul Lawton, June 10, 1919).

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COFFEE, - CONT'D.

BRAZIL.

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF COFFEE IN 1919-20.

The Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture estimates the production of coffee for the States of Sao Paulo, Minas Geraes, and Parana in 1919-20 at 505,129,000 pounds. This very small crop is due to the frost during June, 1918. (Vice Consul Augustus I. Hasskarl, Rio de Janeiro, July 28, 1919).

COSTA RICA.

COFFEE CROP FOR THE COMING SEASON.

One of the large coffee growers recently estimated the crop for the coming season at 40,000,000 pounds. Picking has begun on the lower areas on the Atlantic side. (Consul B. F. Chase, San Jose, August 8, 1919).

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FRUIT IN GENERAL.

ONTARIO (CANADA).

OUTLOOK FOR 1919 FRUIT CROP.

Peaches:- The yield in the Niagara Peninsula will not exceed 50 per cent of normal. In St. Catharines it will not be more than 30 per cent.

Sweet cherries were a light crop.

Plum crop will not exceed 50 per cent of normal.

Pears are very light, about 30 per cent, with few exceptions.

Grapes should be a full crop from present indications.

(Consul Felix S. S. Johnson, August 21, 1919).

UNITED KINGDOM.

FRUIT PROSPECTS FOR 1919.

From the Weekly Bulletin, Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce.

In spite of all adverse condition the apple crop will be fully equal, or rather better than average, much superior to that of 1918. the Strawberries were seriously affected by drought. Other small fruits have been fair, Cherries good. Plums generally somewhat under average. Pears, though not up to the average are very much better than in 1918.

(Commerce Reports, September 3, 1919).

APPLES.

NOVA SCOTIA (CANADA).

PRODUCTION OF APPLES.

Year	bbls
1914	980,520
1915	615,882
1916	691,409
1917	744,730
1918	608,601

The above figures do not include apples used for home consumption or those grown in some of the outlying districts of the province.

(The Agricultural Gazette of Canada).

ALMONDS.

MALAGA (SPAIN).

FORECAST OF THE ALMOND CROP.

It is estimated that the production of almonds will be average. Stocks from last year are very small.

(Consul Louis G. Drefus, Jr., Malaga, July 14, 1919). -Commerce Reports.

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RAISINS.

MALAGA (SPAIN).

FORECAST OF THE MUSCATEL RAISIN CROP.

Forecasts of the muscatel raisin crop places it at 22,000,000 pounds, which is about 20 per cent greater than the yield of the last year. The quantity is reported to be good, but many forecasts as to quality or quantity made at this time are contingent upon weather conditions in July and August. Last year's stocks are practically exhausted.

(Consul Louis G. Dreifus, Jr., Malaga, July 14, 1919).-Commerce Reports.

ONION SEED.

CANARY ISLANDS (SPAIN).

ONION SEED CROP IN 1919.

Despite the unanimous opinion of dealers that the onion seed crop this year will be approximately 30,000 pounds, the Consulate has invoiced for 70,000 pounds. Immense quantities remaining from last year should be remembered in this connection.

(Consul George K. Stiles, Teneriffe, Aug. 26, 1919)

OPIUM.

MACEDONIA.

ESTIMATED OPIUM PRODUCTION IN 1919.

Large dealers predict a reduction in the opium crop this year. The summarized estimates are as follows:

PRODUCTION IN POUNDS.

Greek Macedonia	5,700
Serbian "	90,000
Bulgarian "	6,000
Total	101,700

STOCKS IN POUNDS.

Saloniki	30,000
Serbia	97,500
Bulgaria	90,000

Total 217,000

(Vice Consul Quincy F. Roberts, Saloniki, June 19, 1919)

LIVE STOCK.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

LIVE STOCK ON FARMS DECEMBER 31, 1918.

(Official Returns)

	<u>Dec. 31, 1918.</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 1917.</u>
Cattle: Total	1,210,547	1,083,543
Owned by natives	650,100	551,632
Owned by Europeans	600,447	532,311
Horses	1,599	1,689
Mules	1,988	2,182
Donkeys	8,868	9,605
Sheep	51,203	65,117
Goats	20,842	28,299
Pigs	15,248	18,879
Poultry	87,363	101,592

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MEAT.

SWITZERLAND.

RELATIVE PERCENTAGE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED IN THE 18
MOST IMPORTANT SLAUGHTER HOUSES OF THE COUNTRY
IN 1914, 1916, AND 1918.

	1918. %	1916. %
Steers	168	113
Cows	378	264
Heifers	337	298
Total large animals ...	300	232
Veal	74	87
Pork	47	73

100% = number slaughtered in 1914 which is taken as normal

The increased slaughtering is due to the high price of meat and to the shortage of fodder. (Consul Lewis W. Haskell, June 30, 1919).

DENMARK.

WAGES OF FARM LABOR.

(Converted from Kroner to Dollars at par)

MEN.

	With board.			Without board.		
	1918.	1915.	1910.	1918.	1915.	1910.
	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
<u>Farm Servants.</u>						
Wages per summer	117.00	76.00	64.00
" " winter	57.00	42.00	34.00
" " year	174.00	118.00	98.00
<u>Day Laborers.</u>						
Steady:						
Wages per day -						
During spring and summer	.88	1.27
" harvest	1.07	1.47
" winter5995
Wages per year (assuming he works all year, that is 300 days)	225.00	161.00	131.00	389.00	228.00	185.00
Temporary:						
Wages per day -						
During spring and summer	1.10	.66	.54	1.59	.92	.75
" harvest	1.30	.79	.66	1.77	1.04	.87
" winter71	.44	.35	1.11	.67	.54

WOMEN.

	With board.			Without board.		
	1918.	1915.	1910.	1918.	1915.	1910.
	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
<u>Farm Servants.</u>						
Wages per summer	55.00	41.00	35.00
" " winter	38.00	30.00	24.00
" " year	93.00	71.00	59.00
<u>Day Laborers.^a</u>						
Wages per day -						
During spring and summer	.60	.37	.30	.88	.54	.44
" harvest77	.47	.39	1.08	.64	.53
" winter43	.28	.23	.65	.42	.31

^a Steady.

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